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## PRESS RELEASE – JUNE 2008

### **“Our Future Cirencester”**

At a recent meeting of Council, Members received a report relating to the approval of the draft Community Plan and Action Plan and to consider a partnership bid for funding towards the Market Place Improvements.

The Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Tubb, was delighted to report at the meeting that Action Cirencester, the Civic Society and Chamber of Commerce have identified that they wish to work in partnership with the Town Council to prepare a bid for funding improvements to the Market Place. The partnership bid proposal was unanimously approved by Members.

The Members also approved, with minor amendments, the Community Plan and Action Plan, which are now to be submitted to the Market and Coastal Towns Association. The prioritisation of the 16 projects within the Action Plan are to be considered at a later date.

Further information on “Our Future Cirencester” can be found at [www.cirencester.gov.uk/mcti.php](http://www.cirencester.gov.uk/mcti.php) or by contacting the Town Council’s Customer Information Point on Tel: 01285 655646.

### **“Our People, Our Place”**

Members of the public are invited to meet Cirencester Town Councillors on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** at the Bingham Gallery & Conference Suite, Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester.

It is hoped that members of the public will attend to find out more about the work of the Town Council, to discuss any concerns they may have about the town and to discuss how they might be able to get involved.

Please telephone the Town Council’s Customer Information Point on 01285 655646 for further information.

### **Energy Neighbourhood Comes to Cirencester!**

Cirencester Town Council is working in partnership with the Severn Wye Energy Agency to establish an Energy Neighbourhood.

The first step is to identify an Energy Master, who will be the life and soul of the project. With training provided the Energy Master will advise people on how to save energy and collect meter readings from those households participating in the challenge.

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The challenge is for a group of 5 – 15 households to reduce their energy consumption within six months. There are eight other European countries taking part in this challenge, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Ireland, Bulgaria, Belgium and Sweden. This is a European challenge! With 5 national winning neighbourhoods from England being invited to each send a representative to an international award ceremony in Brussels.

Cirencester's group of households will ideally live in the same area or street, or know each other from a club, school, college, society or residents group.

Cirencester Town Council invites people to take up the challenge and in particular asks - Could you be our **ENERGY MASTER** if so call NOW on 0800 512 012.

#### What do households get in return?

1. A do-it-yourself energy audit of your home
2. Information and tips on energy saving, grants and free gadgets
3. A detailed calculation of energy saved
4. Social events in your local area
5. A party at the end, with all the other EnergyNeighbourhoods
6. Prizes and awards throughout the challenge
7. A trip to Brussels for members of the highest achieving Neighbourhoods

#### EnergyNeighbourhoods step by step

1. Get in touch with Severn Wye Energy Agency on 01594 546462 or 0800 512 012 or the Town Council at the Customer Information Point at Dyer House, Dyer Street Cirencester or by phone on 01285 655646
2. Go to the kick-off event in your area
3. Analyse your energy consumption at home using the EnergyNeighbourhoods "Do-it-yourself energy audit"
4. Record your meter readings for gas and electricity on November 1st 2008, which is when the challenge starts
5. From then on, record your meter readings on the meter chart, try to do it at the same time every week  
. Follow the tips that the energy master will give to you to save energy
6. Tell the energy master your meter readings or enter them yourself on the website. Do this every week or as often as you can
7. Make sure to record the meter readings on April 30th 2009, which is when the measuring campaign ends
8. Attend the celebration party in June during which the final results will be announced: Has your community managed to save 20%?
9. Are you among the national winners? If so nominate a representative to go to the international awards ceremony in Brussels.
10. Save money, save energy and help the environment, but above all, HAVE FUN!

CONTACT INFORMATION: [http://www.swea.co.uk/proj\\_EnergyNEI/](http://www.swea.co.uk/proj_EnergyNEI/) [www.swea.co.uk](http://www.swea.co.uk)

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